

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JARED MUTCHIE,

Defendant.

4:24CR3039

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF  
FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court upon the Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 29](#)). The Court has reviewed the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. On June 13, 2024, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Defendant, and he entered a plea of guilty to Count I and admitted the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment ([Filing No. 21](#)).
2. Count I of the Indictment charged Defendant with violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8).
3. The Forfeiture Allegation sought the forfeiture of a .22 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition seized on or about March 6, 2024.
4. By virtue of said plea of guilty, Defendant has forfeited his interest in the property. Accordingly, the United States should be entitled to possession of said property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.
5. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 29](#)) is granted.
2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the plea of guilty, the Government is hereby authorized to seize the .22 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition.
3. Defendant's interest in the .22 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).
4. The .22 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition is to be held by the Government in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the Government's intent to dispose of the subject property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the .22 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the .22

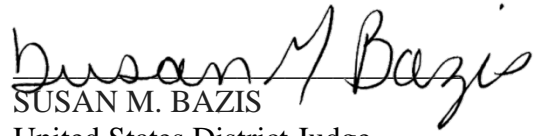
caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the .22 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun and .22 caliber ammunition as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

  
SUSAN M. BAZIS  
United States District Judge